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R 040355Z SEP 75
FM AMCONSUL PORT MORESBY
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 853
INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PDEV, PP
SUBJ: PNG INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION: DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFING
OF U.S. DEL

1. PNG DEPT. OF INFORMATION INCLUDES FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN NOTES FOR VISITORS "REMEMBER, YOU ARE IN PORT MORESBY, NOT NEW YORK, LONDON OR SYDNEY." POST BELIEVES U.S. DEL WILL HAVE LITTLE DIFFICULTY DISTINGUISHING DIFFERENCE BUT POINT IS WELL MADE.

2. WE WOULD HOPE U.S. DEL WOULD VIEW COMING INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION AS FESTIVE EVENT RATHER THAN FORMAL STATE OCCASION, ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE FORMAL (IN PNG TERMS) EVENTS. WE EXPECT THAT THE SCENE HERE WILL BE DISORGANIZED, BUT NEVER-THELESS GOOD FUN IF APPROACHED IN THE RIGHT SPIRIT. GOOD HUMOR, A SENSE OF ADVENTURE, SOME STAMINA, AND A BIT OF PATIENCE WILL GO FAR TO MAKE THE HEAVY SCHEDULING A MOST WORTHWHILE EXPERIENCE.

2. THE U.S. DEL SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT MALARIA SUPPRESSANTS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED, THAT THEY SHOULD BE STARTED NOW AND SHOULD BE CONTINUED FOR A NUMBER OF WEEKS FOLLOWING DEPARTURE FROM PNG.

3. THE CLIMATE HERE IN SEPTEMBER SHOULD BE HOT, DRY, AND
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WINDY, BUT AFTERNOON RAIN STORMS ARE NOT UNCOMMON IN MOST

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AREAS. VISITORS SHOULD BRING EXTREMELY LIGHTWEIGHT
CLOTHING. GPNG NOTES ON DRESS ARE CITED BELOW:

LADIES: EVENING - TROPICAL FORMAL - LONG FROCKS IN
COLORFUL FABRICS AND DESIGNS

DAY - DAY FORMAL - SHORT FROCKS IN COOL FABRICS. GLOVES
ARE SELDOM WORN. HATS ARE OPTIONAL, AND MAY BE ADVISABLE
FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT USED TO THE TROPICAL SUN.

GENTLEMEN: EVENING - TROPICAL FORMAL - RAMI (LAPLAP) OR
LONG TROUSERS WITH OPEN NECKED DRESS-SHIRT, OR LONG-SLEEVED
SHIRT WITH TIE.

DAY - DAY FORMAL - RAMI OR LONG TROUSERS WITH SAFARI-STYLE
JACKET, OR LONG-SLEEVED SHIRT WITH TIE.

INFORMAL - RAMI OR LONG TROUSERS WITH SHORT-SLEEVED SHIRT,
USUALLY BRIGHTLY PATTERNED.

FOR CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT GUESTS
WEAR THE NATIONAL DRESS OF THEIR OWN COUNTRY, OR DAY FORMAL.

WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT MEN BRING LIGHTWEIGHT SUITS TO
BE USED AT THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT. THIS WILL PROBABLY
BE ONLY EVENT WHERE SUITS ARE WORN. DEL SHOULD BRING GOOD
SUPPLY WHITE SHIRTS AS LAUNDRY SERVICE MAY BE RUDIMENTARY.
SPECIAL MEDICINAL PREPARATIONS OR COSMETICS SHOULD BE BROUGHT
FROM THE U.S. AS THEY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE HERE.

IF DEL MEMBERS HAVE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS WE WOULD APPRECIATE
KNOWING IN ADVANCE. WE DO NOT HAVE COMMISSARY FACILITIES
AT POST.

SCHEDULING: THERE WILL BE A VARIETY OF OPTIONAL CULTURAL,
ARTISTIC AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY BE VIEWED,
MANY OF WHICH WILL PROVE TO BE INTERESTING. DEPT. HAS
SCHEDULE PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED. IF ANY PARTICULAR EVENT
IS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO U.S. MEMBERS IT WOULD BE USEFUL
TO KNOW IN ADVANCE. WILL ANY MEMBER U.S. DEL WANT TO
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PARTICIPATE IN GOLF TOURNAMENT?

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PRINCIPAL CEREMONIAL EVENTS SCHEDULED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ARRIVAL DAY - SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 1975

1000 - 1300 - AIRPORT ARRIVAL OF ROYAL AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

1600 - ECUMENICAL SERVICE

1800 - GARDEN RECEPTION - GOVERNMENT HOUSE

2000 - DINNERS - HOSTED BY SIR MAORI KIKI OR FINMIN CHAN

MONDAY - 15 SEPTEMBER 1975

MORNING SPENT PRIVATELY OR VISITING EXHIBITS.
INDEPENDENCE GOLF CUP

1030 - CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

1100 - INDEPENDENCE AIR RACE AUST. - PNG

1100 - SMALL LUNCHEONS

1600 - CIVIC WELCOME AND FLAG LOWERING
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2000 - DINNERS (DEFENSE FORCE DINNER)

TUESDAY - INDEPENDENCE DAY

0001 - BROADCAST - ADDRESS TO NATION
101 GUN SALUTE; 3 - 5 MINUTES OF FIREWORKS

0930 - FLAG RAISING CEREMONY
UNVEILING OF PLAQUE
TREE PLANTING

1100 - PRESENTATION OF LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT AND LETTERS OF CREDENCE BY AMBASSADORS AND HIGH COMMISSIONERS

1400 - STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT (ONE REPRESENTATIVE PLUS WIFE ONLY)

1445 - MOTORCADE TO SIR HUBERT MURRAY STADIUM

1500 - INSTALLATION OF GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PRIME MINISTER'S OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AND OFFICE, PRESENTATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENTS, MESSAGES OF GOOD WILL, ROYAL MESSAGE, GIFT EXCHANGE

2000 - STATE DINNER OR INDEPENDENCE DINNER

WEDNESDAY - 17 SEPTEMBER

0800 - MEMBERS OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENT DEPART FOR DISTRICTS PLUS U.S. DEL DEPARTS FOR MANUS

0800 - INDEPENDENCE GOLF CUP - WAIGANI

1000 - ROYAL TOUR COMMENCES
GUESTS SPEND MORNING PRIVATELY OR VISIT EXHIBITS

1200 - INFORMAL LUNCHES

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1700 - HISTORICAL TABLEAU AND DANCING

2030 - INFORMAL BUFFET DINNERS

THURSDAY - 18 SEPTEMBER

0900 - GUESTS DEPART

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REQUEST BIO DATA ON U.S. DEL, ANY SPECIAL PROBLEMS, NEEDS
ETC. WHEN AVAILABLE.
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